



**American Short Line and  
Regional Railroad Association**

*The Voice of America's Independent Railroads*

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August 14, 2006

Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

**RE: FD No. 34893, The Chicago, Lake Shore and South Bend  
Railway Company-Acquisition and Operation Exemption-Norfolk Southern Railway  
Company**

Dear Mr. Williams:

I am writing on behalf of the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (ASLRRA) in connection with the above-captioned proceeding. The ASLRRA believes this proceeding and the petitions to revoke filed therein present significant policy questions for the growth of the American freight rail system in terms of rail transportation capacity, transportation planning, energy consumption, and environmental impacts. Accordingly, ASLRRA desires the opportunity to submit more extensive comments supporting the position of the applicant, the Chicago, Lake Shore and South Bend Railway Company.

Due to long-planned professional and personal commitments and the intervening Labor Day Holiday, I will not be able to prepare and submit those comments until Wednesday September 6, 2006. I do not believe that any party will be prejudiced by extending to the ASLRRA the opportunity to file comments by that date and respectfully request an extension of time to file Comments to that date.

Sincerely yours,

*Keith T. Borman*

Keith Borman  
Vice President & General Counsel

Cc: All parties